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upon receiving the error message at the client, automatically repeating the sending of the request to a next server of the list until the error message is not received.

~~A3 Sub 03~~ 6. (Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor of a client to perform a method comprising:  
sending a request to a server of a list of servers;  
receiving a response to the request from the server; and  
upon determining that the response comprises an error message that the server is off-line, as used by the server when the server is inappropriate to fulfill the request, automatically repeating the sending of the request to a next server of the list until the error message is not received.

~~A3~~ 11. (Amended) A computerized system comprising:  
a plurality of servers, each server designed to send an error message that the server is off-line in response to receiving a request the server is unable to fulfill locally and received from a client of a predetermined type; and  
a client of the predetermined type and designed to automatically repeat the sending of a request to a different one of the plurality of servers until the error message is not received in response.

~~A4 Sub 05~~ 16. (Amended) A client computer comprising:  
a communications device; and,  
a computer program designed to automatically repeat sending a request to a different server of a list of servers via the communications device until an error message indicating a server receiving the request is off-line is not received.

~~A5~~ 18. (Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to transform a general purpose computer to a special purpose computer comprising:

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a communications device; and  
means for automatically repeating the sending of a request to a different server of a list of servers via the communications device until an error message that the server is off-time as used by the server when the server is inappropriate to fulfill the request is not received in response.

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19. (Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor of a server to perform a method comprising:  
receiving a request from a client;  
determining whether the server is inappropriate to fulfill the request;  
determining whether the client is of a predetermined type; and,  
upon determining that the server is inappropriate to fulfill the request and that the client is a non-delegable client that does not understand a delegation of the request to another server, sending an error message to the client that the server is off-line.

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22. (Amended) A server computer comprising:  
a communications device; and,  
a computer program designed to send via the communications device an error message that a server computer is off-line in response to a request from a non-delegable client that does not understand a delegation of the request to another server when the server computer is inappropriate to fulfill the request.

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26. (Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to transform a general purpose computer to a special purpose computer comprising:  
a communications device; and,  
means for sending via the communications device an error message that a computer is off-line in response to a request from a non-delegable client that does not understand